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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Is it a mere accident ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" It is so, I believe."

Mr. YAHYA ALI SAHIB :—" May I ask whether the three Muhammadans who were removed from service were appointed during the time of the present Inspector-General or that of his predecessor ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The answer given to the question is in reference to the period 1920 to 1923."

Mr. ABBAS ALI KHAN :—" Is the present Minister also in it ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Partly."

Mr. ABBAS ALI KHAN :—" Will the hon. the Minister say how many Muhammadans he appointed while he was in charge and how many of them were gazetted officers ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I will obtain the information and furnish it to the hon. Member."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" What are the special reasons which led the hon. the Minister for Education to appoint unpassed candidates as Sub-Registrars ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Unrepresented communities, depressed classes and such other special reasons."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Will he give us any idea as to the places in which such appointments were made ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" No."

Mr. ABBAS ALI KHAN :—" Is it a fact that now only graduates are appointed ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Preferably graduates."

Mr. ABBAS ALI KHAN :—" Where no Muhammadan graduates are forthcoming, will the hon. the Minister make an exception in the case of Muhammadans ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Yes, as in the case of backward and other communities where there is a paucity of graduates and persons who have received higher education."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Are Muhammadans a backward community ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I believe I said backward and other communities.

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" Are there any Anglo-Indians included ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" There are."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Are the Muhammadans placed under the Labour Commissioner ? " (Laughter).

Granting of leave to clerks in the Registration department.

383 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that the present Inspector-General of Registration has increased the quantity of work prescribed for each clerk by about 50 per cent ;

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(2) whether it is a fact that leave of absence is not usually granted to subordinates in the Registration Department and that in usual practice leave of absence is granted only on production of medical certificates; and

(3) whether it is a fact that even when leave is granted on production of medical certificates, no substitutes are usually appointed to act for the absentees and that as a consequence the remaining clerks are made to do the absentees' work in addition to their own heavy work?

A.—(1) It is not a fact that there has been a general increase of 50 per cent in the quantity of work prescribed for each clerk, but in cases of leave and other vacancies, the clerks are expected to turn out more work, say up to 50 per cent of the standard fixed for each clerk, till the vacancies are filled up.

(2) & (3) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Will the hon. the Minister say whether he does not think it is unfair that such heavy extra work should be imposed on the already overworked clerks and whether he will see that such a thing is not done?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The answer is ' No '."

Itinerary Sub-Registrars.

384 *Q.*—Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Registration) be pleased—

(i) to state

(1) the number of Sub-Registrars working on the itinerary system;

(2) whether the system has been successful; and

(ii) to place on the table a statement containing the results of that system?

A.—(i) (1) The only place where the itinerating system of registry is now in vogue is Kannamangalam in the sub-district of Vellore. One of the two Joint Sub-Registrars attached to the Registrar's office, Vellore, visits Kannamangalam once a week and does registering work there.

(2) Yes.

(ii) The itinerating Sub-Registrar registered at Kannamangalam 1,029 documents for the period *from the* 1*st August* 1922 *to* 30*th April* 1923. The collections made and expenditure incurred on account of the registration of documents by the itinerating officer at Kannamangalam are shown below :—

	Collections.	Expenditure.	Surplus.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Kannamangalam ...	2,116	1,809	307

The scheme has more than fulfilled expectations from a financial point of view, as also from the point of view of public convenience and it is proposed to extend it to three more places in March 1924.